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Activity Update April to August 2015

AHC Uganda Hub

The newly established *AHC Uganda Hub* in Kampala, Uganda experienced significant advancement:

- A new contract is in place with the Makerere-University Johns Hopkins University (MUJHU) to provide office space for faculty, students, trainees, and staff in MUJHU tower, conveniently located near Makerere University and Mulago Hospital.
- In June 2015, CGHSR convened a new *Uganda Interest Group* of faculty, students, and trainees from the U of M and Uganda who have worked in or wish to begin working through the Uganda Hub. The group aims to meet quarterly and include partners from the U of M and partner institutions such as Makerere University.
- The first Uganda Hub employee was hired in August 2015. Martha Kandole was hired as the AHC Operations Manager to support UMN activities in Kampala, Uganda. Her role will oversee and manage the numerous shared work spaces for U of M constituents, as well as act as a network for new researchers and educational programming. She hails from Uganda and brings the unique perspective of international work experience in development projects to the position. She will complete additional training in Minnesota in September.
- CGHSR played an important role in contributing to the planning and promotion of the upcoming *Uganda Research Symposium and Celebration* scheduled for November 4-6, 2015.

Student Programs & Opportunities

Ecuador: Global Health Internship/Placement - July 2015

CGHSR developed this opportunity for AHC students in partnership with lead faculty, Zobeida Bonilla, faculty in the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health in the School of Public Health, and with the partner organization CIMAS Foundation. There was one participant, Anneka Kmiecik, MPH Candidate in Community Health Promotion, who traveled to Ecuador to participate in the *Internship/Placement* from July 1-28. A *Global Health Course* was also developed for July 2015 but was cancelled due to low enrollment. Planning is underway to determine Summer 2016 offerings.

Student Programs in India

CGHSR is working in partnership with lead faculty Shailendra Prasad, faculty in Family Medicine, and the partner organization Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) in Mysore, India, to offer two interdisciplinary student programs in Mysore for winter 2015-16:

- *Global Health, Globalization, and Leadership Course*, Dec 26 to Jan 17, 2016 – A global health team-based learning experience with field observations in Mysore, India
- *Global Health Placement*, Jan 16 to Feb 14 – A four-week project related to public health, health care delivery, and/or other community activities.

The President of SVYM, Dr. R. Balasubramaniam (Balu) is traveling to Minnesota and will participate in an information session on September 17. Applications are being accepted through Sept. 24.

Additionally, CGHSR is working with lead faculty Ben Capistrant, faculty in the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health in the School of Public Health, to develop an additional *Global Health Placement* opportunity with the partner organization St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences in Bangalore, India, for Summer 2016.

Global Health Student Advisory Board (GHSAB)

Applications to join the Global Health Student Advisory Board will open on September 8, 2015. Building on many lessons learned from the first year, the 2015-2016 GHSAB offers an exciting opportunity for AHC students to get involved with Global Health and to work with students across disciplines.

International Medical Education and Research (IMER) Update, Medical School

The IMER team is currently reviewing and updating all policies and procedures for medical students traveling abroad, including one-on-one planning meetings with course directors, mandatory pre-travel orientation scheduled for September 19th, post-trip debriefing, website revisions, and a redesigned process for incoming international medical student applications. The goal is building stronger partnerships and educationally sound and safe experiences for our students.

AHC Student Programs Focus Groups

CGHSR staff conducted focus group meetings with staff and faculty representatives from AHC schools/college to discuss interdisciplinary global health student programs and how to best match these programs to the needs and requirements of students within each School. Meetings were completed in 5 schools, with one remaining to be scheduled. Similar focus groups will be conducted with students.

Events

Global Health Movie Night - April 23, 2015

The Global Health Student Advisory Board (GHSAB) and the SPH Film Series co-hosted a screening of the film *Hidden Pictures*, which takes a look at global mental health. Following the screening, Erin Weslander, a member of GHSAB, moderated a four-person panel that responded to the film and questions from the audience.

The Elderly in India - A Challenge - June 8, 2015

CGHSR sponsored this talk given by Arvind Kasthuri, Professor of Community Medicine in the Department of Community Health at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences in Bangalore, India.

Global Health Case Competition

Planning is underway for the 3rd annual Global Health Case Competition, which will be held on-campus January 30, 2016. The competition offers a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary teams of students to collaboratively analyze and provide recommendations to a real-world global health challenge. Recruitment for faculty coaches is underway. An information session will be held on October 23, 2015, with applications opening on November 9, 2015.

Global Health Day

The 2nd annual Global Health Day is scheduled for November 19, 2015 and will again feature a talk, poster session, and photo contest. Julio Frenk, president of the University of Miami and the former Secretary of Health of Mexico,

will record a keynote address to be delivered via video that will address global health trends along with the importance of interprofessional education. Recruitment is underway for panelists.

International Delegations

University of the West Indies (UWI) - Mona campus – April 27 to 28, 2015

Building on an existing relationship between the School of Public Health and UWI, CGHSR coordinated a delegation of five faculty from UWI who visited campus April 27-28. Faculty included the Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Director of the Epidemiology Research Unit, Head of the School of Nursing, Professor of Medicine and Endocrinology, and a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Basic Medical Sciences. UMN faculty and staff from Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Medicine, and Public Health took part in multiple meetings, with interest emerging around research and educational/training collaborations, faculty exchange, and joint conferences and events. An AHC-wide handshake affiliation agreement was finalized in August for 2015-2020.

Seoul National University in Korea

CGHSR helped to facilitate meetings with interested faculty from the Medical School and the School of Public Health with a delegation from Seoul National University Medical School in Korea. The delegation is working on establishing a global health program and attended the Global Health Course through the Department of Medicine in addition to meeting with numerous faculty members.

Dodoma Tanzania Health Development - Dodoma, Tanzania

CGHSR participated in two meetings in May with Katrin Mwimbe from Dodoma Tanzania Health Development to facilitate an agreement between Dodoma Christian Medical Center and the University of Minnesota. In July 2015 CRHSR helped to establish a handshake affiliation agreement with DCMC that has been signed by both parties. In September, CGHSR will conduct follow up meetings with SPH and Medical School faculty interested in establishing new programs and partnerships, with the possibility of formalizing a more binding agreement.

St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences - Bangalore, India – June 1 to 12, 2015

Building on a faculty exchange between the SPH and St. John's, CGHSR co-coordinated and co-hosted the visit of Arvind Kasthuri, Professor of Community Medicine in the Department of Community Health at St. John's. In addition to taking courses in the Public Health Institute, Dr. Kasthuri engaged with CGHSR and colleagues from Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health in discussion and planning around the *Global Health Placement* opportunity, which is now under development with AHC faculty leadership from Benjamin Capistrant. In addition, Dr. Kasthuri gave a seminar entitled "The Elderly in India - A Challenge" on June 8.

Other Activities

International Travel Experience Management System (ITEMS)

The ITEMS project is an outgrowth of a student management system currently in use by the School of Public Health's Field Experience and the Medical School's International Medical Education and Research (IMER) Program. Designed to be an AHC-wide system for adaptation to each school's needs, ITEMS was rolled out to the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Global Health Pathway program for medical residents within the Department of Medicine, Medical School. This system will help administrators to better prepare, support, and track learners while traveling abroad. Plans to roll this system out to the School of Dentistry and College of Pharmacy are expected for Fall 2015.

Affiliation Agreements

CGHSR has been working closely with AHC Legal to adapt templates for Master Affiliation Agreements with key international partner institutions/organizations to allow for broad-based collaboration on education, research, faculty exchange, joint publications, and other scholarly activities. Multiple agreements are in the pipeline to facilitate collaborations and synergy under these cohesive umbrella agreements.

Global Health Impact Map

CGHSR continues to work with AHC Schools/Colleges/Units to populate the Map with faculty led research, education/training, clinical care, and community outreach activities related to global health. CGHSR met with a task force from the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) exploring ways to communicate global research across the University.

Funding Submissions

Local-Global Programming submitted to Blue Cross Blue Shield (PI: Mike Westerhaus) April 2015; Not funded.

Presentations

Council of Research Associate Deans (CRAD) - presentation by Debra Olson on May 21, 2015

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